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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Original Claims 1-15 and new Claims 16-20 have been

amended or drafted to conform to Group II (where A is a polycyclic ring having only sulfur

as a heteroatom(s)) as set forth in the written restriction requirement in the parent application.

Claims 15-20 track Claims 15-20 in the parent application. These claims find support as

follows: Claims 14 and 18-20 (page 42, last two paragraphs), Claims 15-17 (original Claim

13, pages 1, 2 and 288). Accordingly, the Applicants do not believe that any new matter has

been added.

CONCLUSION

Upon entry of the Preliminary Amendment, the Applicants respectfully request an

early examination on the merits.

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